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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT INCREASES WHEAT PRICES

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1. GAZETTED DECREE 7/8342 OF MAY 31 INCREASED MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES FOR WHEAT AND SMALL GRAINS FOR 1974/1975 HARVEST SEASON BY 71 TO 84 PERCENT. MOST OF WHEAT USE FOR BREAD (MAIN STAPLE OF TURKISH DIET) INCREASED BY 71 PERCENT. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT PRICES AS PROVIDED BY LAW ARE PAID BY CENTRAL BANK THROUGH SOILD PRODUCT OFFICE. IN FORE-WARNING OF THESE INCREASES PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT SAID PRICE OF BREAD WOULD NOT INCREASE.

2. MOST OF WHEAT, HOWEVER, WILL BE PURCHASED BY PRIVATE MERCHANTS WHO WILL HAVE TO PASS ON HIGHER COSTS TO BAKERS
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TO SUBSIDIZE FLOUR PRICES. ROUGH CALCULATIONS INDICATE THAT
IF INCREASED PRICE OF WHEAT IS PASSED ON TO CONSUMER COST OF
AVERAGE LOAF OF BREAD WOULD INCREASE ALMOST 25 PERCENT.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS ANOTHER STEP IN LONG SERIES BY GOVERNMENT
TO GIVE TURKISH LOW INCOME EARNERS (FARMERS, QORKERS AND
CIVIL SERVANTS) HIGHTER INCOMES. TOBACCO FARMERS AND GROWERS
ALSO WERE GIVEN SIZEABLY HIGHER PRICES BY GOVERNMENT MONOPOLIES.
MOST OF PRICE INCREASES WILL INTENSIFY ALREADY EXISTING STRONG
INFLATIONARY PRESSURES.
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